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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence  
Inspector General

FROM: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: CIA Relationship with Harvard University

1. After reading the minutes of the morning meeting of 22 March about the proposed statement by Harvard on relationships with the CIA, I instantaneously picked up the phone and called President Bok. I made the usual arguments to him emphasizing: (1) that I thought they were going overboard and would contravene the individual's right to freedom of association; and (2) that it was unfair to single out the CIA as distinct from other intelligence agencies and let alone as distinct from business communities and other activities.

2. President Bok indicated he thought this was to be a statement of general principles. He didn't think it was intended to prevent "any relationship." He thought that it should proscribe certain kinds of activities on the campus. The President indicated that Harvard had taken a position with the Church Committee that the Congress should not legislate control over the role of academia with the Intelligence Community, but that the academic institutions should discipline themselves. Thus, they need to put out some statement.

3. I indicated my concurrence in their putting out a statement on the quality of relationship and that it should cover not only the CIA but all other activities that academics might have with non-academic institutions or organizations.

4. The President indicated that he thought I had been misled, perhaps by the summary of the statement which I was working from which indicated there would be a proscription on "any relationship."

5. I would appreciate knowing if I interpreted the statement properly. I would appreciate being kept advised on this. I hope President Bok will continue to work with us on this statement. I would like his statement to be something we can accept and then publish our own guidelines for interaction with academics that would be very much in line with his.

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